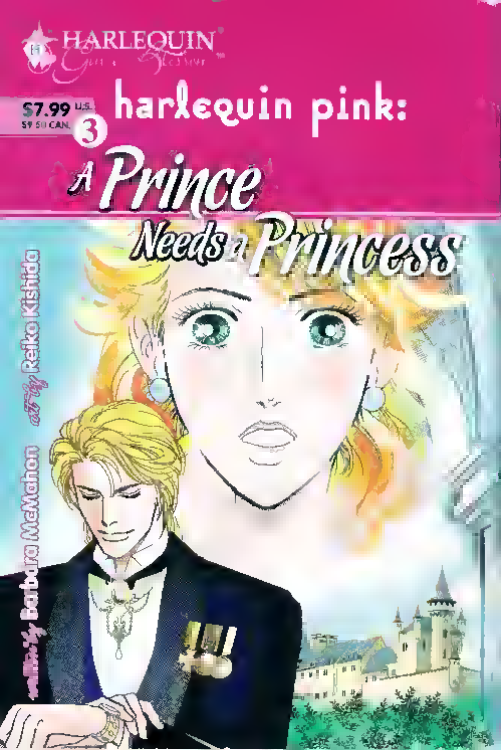
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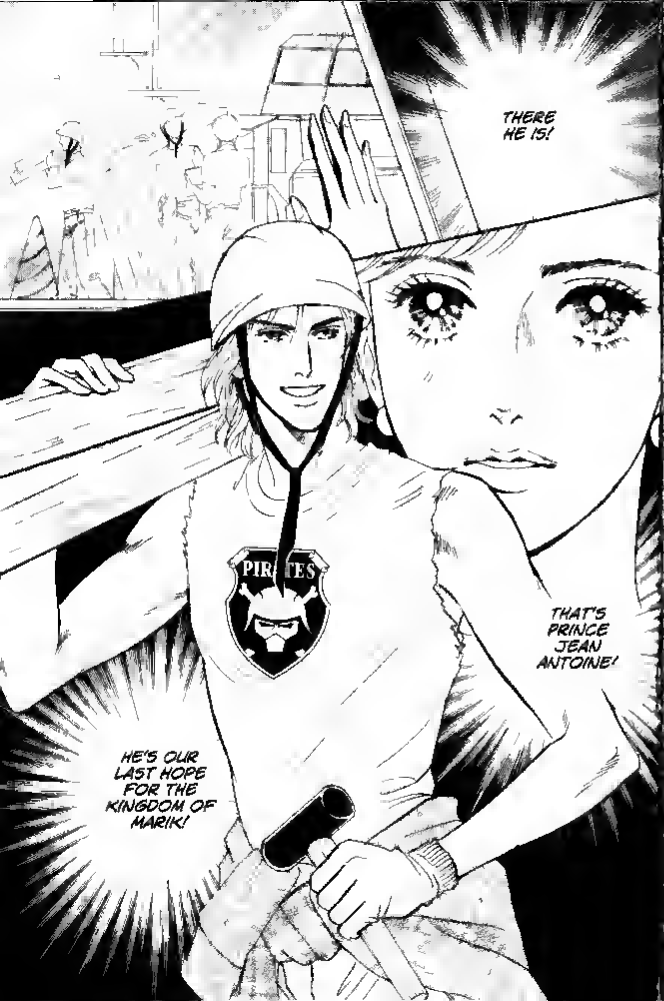

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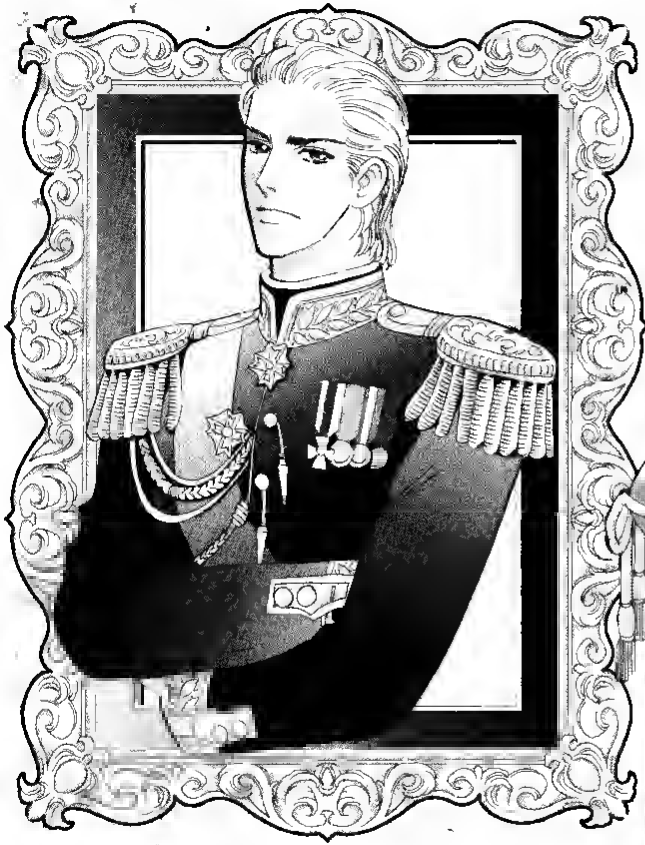

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A PRINCE NEEDS A PRINCESS

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--AND MY ROLE IS TO ESCORT YOU TO OUR COUNTRY
THE KING WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO MARIK,--
I DO NOT HAVE A GRANDFA-THER!
WAIT, MR. BROWN!
PLEASE!
EX-CUSE ME?
YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME?
STOP!
I'M CLARISSA DUBONET
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MR JACK BROWN.
I AM HERE TO DELIVER A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY, KING GILLIAM THE THIRD OF MARIK.
.....
FROM MY GRAND-FATHER?

WHAT?
NOPE
IT'S NOT MY THING
THE KING NEEDS YOU NOW.
YOU WILL COME WITH ME TO MARIK?
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN MARIK
I AM AN AMERICAN.
MY FATHER WAS DISOWNED AND DIED IN THIS COUNTRY
PIRATES
HE'S GOING TO THROW AWAY THE CHANCE TO BE KING?
HE CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
WAIT!
MR. BROWN! WAIT!

WHAT!?
YOU ARE THE HEIR APPARENT TO THE THRONE OF MARIK!
OH!
LET'S--
--TALK OVER HERE
A YEAR AGO, PRINCE MICHAEL AND HIS SON WERE INVOLVED IN A FATAL ACCIDENT
I SEE
HEH
THE THRONE CAME TUMBLING MY WAY AFTER THE DEATH OF MY UNCLE AND COUSIN
YOU'RE THE ONLY REMAINING GRANDSON OF THE KING THAT MAKES YOU THE NEXT IN LINE FOR THE CROWN
S&W CO.

GAAAH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
MR JACK BROWN?
GLARE
S&W
WHEN I NEEDED HIM THE MOST, HE COMPLETELY IGNORED ME.
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE HIM FOR THAT!
MY GRANDFATHER NEEDS ME?
HE DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ME FOR YEARS
I'M THE NEXT KING?
PIRATE
YOU HAVE TO LEAVE
I'VE GIVEN YOU AN ANSWER. YOU CAN'T BE UP HERE! IT'S NOT SAFE!
BUT...
PLEASE, I NEED YOU TO LISTEN TO ME!
THE FATE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY IS IN YOUR HANDS!

GRAB
JOLT!
WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
I'M SO SORRY
IS IT POSSIBLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU OVER DINNER?
IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE...
SO--
--WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE YOU LEAVE?
I'VE GOT WORK TO DO
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR TROUBLING YOU DURING WORK.
--TO TALK ABOUT THIS OVER A NICE MEAL
ME? HAVE DINNER WITH YOU?
YES

ズキン
STAB
IT SEEMS LIKE A DIFFICULT TASK, BUT ONCE I EXPLAIN THE SITUATION, I'M SURE HE'LL COME WITH ME
I JUST NEED TO FOCUS ON COMPLETING MY DUTY
I NEED TO BRING PRINCE JEAN ANTOINE BACK TO MARIK
WITHOUT PRINCE JEAN, THE ROYAL FAMILY WILL BE NO MORE

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I'LL PICK YOU UP AT SIX
PHEW
GRIN
SURE
HOW ABOUT SIX O'CLOCK?
STARE STARE
ジロ ジロ
HMMM
NO, I'D RATHER PICK YOU UP
WHERE ARE YOU STAYING?
STOP
S&W CO
I'LL MEET YOU IN THE LOBBY AT SIX
I'M AT THE REGENCY
HE'S VERY DIFFERENT FROM PRINCE PIETRO, HIS COUSIN
SO THAT'S PRINCE JEAN ANTOINE
SIGH
--PIETRO WAS REFINED AND ELEGANT
THE ONLY TIME HE WOULD BREAK A SWEAT WAS WHEN HE WAS PLAYING SPORTS --
THEY GREW UP IN DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS, BUT--

CLARISSA! OVER HERE!
WOW!
HE LOOKS ALMOST WILD!
AND VERY CUTE
WHAT SHOULD I DO!?
OH!
WILL JEANS BE ALLOWED AT THE RESTAURANT?
WILL THEY HAVE A DRESS CODE?
STARE
WERE YOU WAITING LONG?
NO, YOU'RE PER-FECTLY ON TIME
YOUR DRESS IS LOVELY--
--BUT I'M NOT SURE
YOU'RE OVER-DRESSED
WHAT!?
DO YOU OWN A PAIR OF JEANS?
NO.
WE'LL HAVE TO GO BUY A PAIR, THEN

LOOK ...
... IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME, WE'LL GO GET YOU A PAIR OF JEANS
--IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK,
--THEN I'M OUTTA HERE
THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS THE CAUSE OF MANY ACCIDENTS!
WE'LL GO SHOPPING
SELECT SHOP
HOW CAN I HELP YOU TODAY?

YOU CAN'T RIDE MY MOTOR-CYCLE WITH A DRESS ON, RIGHT?
ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME THAT--
--I NEED TO CHANGE INTO A PAIR OF JEANS?
I'M GOING TO BE RIDING WHAT?
WHAT IF WE GET INTO AN ACCIDENT?
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT BEFORE
I HAVE NO DESIRE TO EAT OR TALK HERE
CAN'T WE JUST DINE AT THE RESTAURANT IN THE HOTEL?

IS THIS REALLY THE PROPER SIZE?
YES, MA'AM. THEY FIT PERFECTLY!
THEY'RE SO SNUG.
I'VE NEVER WORN JEANS, SO I'M NOT SURE.
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO FIT THAT WAY.
LET'S SEE
PEEK
AAH!
STARE
TA-THUMP TA-THUMP
TUG
FLUFF
AAAH!
THIS IS AWESOME.
YOU LOOK VERY PRETTY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PURCHASE!

THEY HAVE THE BEST SEAFOOD IN LOS ANGELES.
I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT
THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE!
WHAT DOES MARIK HAVE?
IT DOESN'T HAVE A BEACH SEAFOOD'S HARD TO GET AND THERE'S NO DIRECT FLIGHT FROM THE US.
MARIK ISN'T NEAR AN OCEAN, IS IT?
SEAFOOD ISN'T ALWAYS AVAILABLE IN MARIK.
I CAN'T WAIT TO TASTE THE FOOD

I LOVE THE WIND IN MY FACE
YES, SIR
ARE YOU COMFORTABLE? THIS IS COOL, HUH?
IT FEELS INCREDIBLE
I CAN'T BELIEVE--
--I'M ON A MOTORCYCLE!
HANG ON TIGHT!
VROOOM
I'M NOT SCARED AT ALL
MY PARENTS WOULD BE SO UPSET IF THEY KNEW!
TA-THUMP TA-THUMP
IS IT BECAUSE HIS BACK IS SO WARM AND STRONG?

I WAS SENT TO PREVENT UNWANTED ATTENTION
IT'S NOT EASY FOR THE KING TO TRAVEL. IT BECOMES A MATTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.
HE DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO SEND ME A LETTER.
FIRST OF ALL, IF IT'S SUCH A BIG DEAL, WHY DOESN'T MY GRANDFATHER SHOW UP HERE TO ASK ME HIMSELF?
THE OLD MAN'S JUST GONNA EMBARRASS HIMSELF.
IN THE END, THE KING MAY COME TO SEE YOU IN PERSON.
IF I FAIL, I'M SURE THEY WILL SEND SOMEONE ELSE.
NO, NOT AT ALL.
SO YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE PUNISHED OR REWARDED BASED ON YOUR PERFORMANCE?
MY FAMILY IS CLOSE TO THE ROYAL FAMILY.
SO, HOW DO YOU FIT INTO THIS?
--THE WHOLE COUNTRY WAS PLUNGED INTO MOURNING
WHEN PRINCE MICHAEL AND HIS SON DIED--
THE ROYAL FAMILY HAS THE RESPECT AND LOVE OF THEIR PEOPLE
THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL FAMILY OF MARIK GOES BACK 600 YEARS
MARIK IS SURROUNDED BY GORGEOUS MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS
PLEASE, ACCEPT THE THRONE OF MARIK.
THEN WE LEARNED OF YOUR EXISTENCE AND REGAINED OUR HOPE
YOUR HIGH-ESS..
--PEOPLE DUMP THEIR EXPECTATIONS ON OTHERS
I HATE IT WHEN--
HEH!

I HAD NO IDEA..!
MY GRAND-FATHER REFUSED TO HELP MY MOTHER AFTER MY FATHER'S DEATH.
MY FATHER LIVED LIFE TO THE FULLEST
MY MOTHER AND I WEREN'T SO LUCKY
SHE WORRIED ABOUT HOW I WOULD SURVIVE UNTIL SHE TOOK HER LAST BREATH
--WHEN I WAS 16
I CAN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION.
I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER GET MARRIED OR HAVE CHILDREN.
WOULD YOU DISOWN YOUR SON FOR DISOBEYING YOU?
TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I CAN'T FORGIVE THE OLD MAN FOR IGNORING OUR EXISTENCE.

YOUR HIGHNESS..
I WOULDN'T MIND SEEING THE OLD MAN FAIL
THAT SOUNDS LIKE WORTHY ENTERTAINMENT
NOT IN GREAT DETAIL...
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY PARENTS?
MY UNCLE AND COUSIN DIED IN AN ACCIDENT TOO, RIGHT?
MY FATHER WENT AGAINST THE KING'S WISHES AND MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES. HE MET MY MOTHER AND MARRIED HER
TWIST
WHAT A COINCIDENCE
HE WAS ONLY 23
SHORTLY AFTER I WAS BORN, HE DIED DURING A CAR RACE

--I'M DOING THIS FOR MY OWN GAIN!
HE THINKS--
キッ
HEY!
WAIT!
CLAR-ISSA!
ガタン
SLAM
YOU'RE SO SERIOUS ABOUT THIS BECAUSE YOU WANT TO BE QUEEN, AND I'M YOUR LAST CHANCE!
I GET IT!
--IN A MOTORBOAT ACCIDENT AT THE LAKE
YES, HE DIED WITH HIS FATHER A YEAR AGO,--
I HEARD HE ALSO..
REAL-LY?
I WAS ENGAGED TO YOUR COUSIN, PRINCE PIETRO.
EX-CUSE ME?
WHY?
WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO GET MARRIED? YOU'RE STILL YOUNG.

IF I CAN'T, THEN I WANT TO FOLLOW YOU TO HEAVEN...
I WANT TO HOLD YOU AGAIN!
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DIE?
THE THRONE IS WASTED ON SOMEONE LIKE HIM...
HE MAY BE RELATED TO PIETRO, BUT HE'S AN ARROGANT JERK!
THAT MAN
SPLASH
CLARISSA
WAIT! LISTEN TO ME!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
PIETRO!
CLARISSA, I LOVE YOU!
WILL YOU MARRY ME?
I'M GOING TO GO TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOAT
SPLASH
BOOM
PIETRO!
NO OO OO!
PIETRO!

REALLY?
I NEED TO TRADE HARSH WORDS WITH MY GRAND-FATHER NOT YOU.
IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND.
SPLASH

SPLASH
I'M SORRY
I WAS BEING A COM-PLETE CREEP
WHAT I SAID WAS VERY HURTFUL
I WAS WRONG PLEASE FORGIVE ME
SWITCH
CLAR-ISSA
IF YOU CAN FOR-GIVE MY AWFUL BEHAVIOR TONIGHT, I'LL GO WITH YOU TO MARIK.
YOU EXPRESSED YOURSELF VERY CLEARLY
I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY TO YOU.
I'LL REPORT BACK TO THE KING TOMORROW

I NEVER THOUGHT--
--HE'D DRESS SO FORMALLY.
HE LOOKS VERY GOOD.
DOKI
I'M GLAD YOU DECIDED TO COME WITH ME TO MARIK.
IT'S TOO BAD THAT YOU'LL ONLY BE STAYING FOR TWO WEEKS
THAT'LL BE ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO SAY WHAT I NEED TO MY GRANDFATHER.
GOOO
RRROAR
MARIK IS NESTLED IN THE PYRENEES, BETWEEN FRANCE AND SPAIN
WE'LL LAND IN PARIS THEN SWITCH TO A PRIVATE PLANE THERE.
WOW, THAT'S QUITE EXTRAVAGANT.
HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO GIVE THE KING A PIECE OF HIS MIND.
IS HE GOING TO INSIST ON ABDICATING THE THRONE?
HE MAY CHANGE HIS MIND...
FTER ALL, IT'S GRANDFATHER

The Times
THAT WOULD BE TEN YEARS AGO...
I SEE.
I THINK THAT WAS WHEN YOU TURNED TWENTY
HE HIRED A PRIVATE DETECTIVE.
HE DIDN'T CHECK AFTER THAT, I CAN TELL...
SO, THE OLD MAN DID BOTHER TO REMEMBER ME AT LEAST ONCE...
I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM PAY FOR IGNORING ME FOR THIRTY YEARS..
IT'S BEST IF HE DOESN'T KNOW VERY MUCH
WILL YOU GET FIRED?
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN TAKE A LOT OF TIME OFF WORK.
IT WILL COME BACK TO HAUNT ME LATER.
HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY JOB?
JUST WHAT THE KING TOLD ME
HOW DID HE KNOW THAT I WAS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER?
WHEN I ARRIVED IN AMERICA, I CALLED THE COMPANY AND ASKED WHERE YOU WERE
HIS MAJESTY TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE WORKING AS A LABORER

IT'S VERY DARK
IT'S RATHER GLOOMY IN HERE
THE ROYAL FAMILY IS STILL IN MOURNING.
OH. THAT MAKES SENSE...
YOUR HIGHNESS, PLEASE FOLLOW ME.
THIS IS THE RED HALL.
IT'S THE MOST FORMAL HALL IN THE PALACE.
SIGH
I SHOULD HAVE WORN JEANS.
THAT WOULDN'T BE APPRO-PRIATE!
CREEEEAK
THE PALACE REFLECTS THE ROMANESQUE ARCHITECTURAL STYLE OF THE 15TH CENTURY
IT'S QUITE MAGNIFI-CENT
THE MAINTENANCE MUST BE A NIGHTMARE.

CLARISSA, DID YOU DELIVER MY MESSAGE?
YES, YOUR MAJESTY, I DID
I'M JUST HERE FOR A VACATION
I'LL ENJOY YOUR HOSPITALITY UNTIL I RETURN TO LOS ANGELES
WELCOME TO MARIK
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
I THOUGHT AN ORDINARY CARPENTER WOULD JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO BE KING
DO YOU NEED ANYTHING REPAIRED WHILE I'M HERE?
IT'S GOOD FOR A MAN TO MAKE HIS WAY IN THE WORLD BY WORKING WITH HIS HANDS
SO, YOU'RE FINALLY HERE TO TAKE YOUR RIGHTFUL PLACE WITHIN THE FAMILY

I DIDN'T KNOW MY GRANDFATHER WAS BEING RESPECTFUL
I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR HIM SAY HE WAS HAPPY TO SEE ME.
YOU WERE VERY DEFIANT!
HOW DARE YOU TREAT THE KING SO RUDELY!
HE DIDN'T EVEN MENTION MY NAME... ONCE!
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO,--
--UNFORTUNATELY.
HIS MAJESTY SHOULD HAVE WELCOMED HIM WARMLY
THAT'S TRUE
HE'S HERE TO SEE HIS GRANDFATHER

SLAM!
PLEASE ESCORT HIM TO HIS QUARTERS
HE CAN HAVE TIME TO HIMSELF UNTIL DINNER
SIGH
PRINCE JEAN ANTOINE HAS TRAVELED A LONG WAY AND HE'S VERY TIRED I BELIEVE HE NEEDS TO REST
EXCUSE ME YOUR MAJESTY

CLAR-ISSA!
HE'S SO--
--PUSHY.
I'LL PREPARE A DRESS
MAYBE HE WAS LONELY...?

I WAS NOT INVITED.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE CLOSE TO HIM.
YOUR HIGH-NESS, --
GRAB
CLAR-ISSA--
--YOU'LL BE THERE DURING DINNER, RIGHT?
--I WAS THE FORMER FIAN-CEE OF PRINCE PIETRO I DON'T HOLD AN OFFICIAL OR IMPORTANT POSITION
MY JOB IS DONE AFTER TODAY
THERE'S NO MORE NEED FOR ME TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.
THEN I'LL INVITE YOU AS MY FRIEND
YOU'RE GOING TO COME TO DINNER.
ALL RIGHT?
YOU DON'T ORDER FRIENDS

SHE LOVED TO TELL ME STORIES SHE HEARD FROM DAD ABOUT THE CASTLE. MEANWHILE, WE LIVED IN A CHEAP APARTMENT IN VEGAS
DID YOU MOTHER EVER VISIT MARIK?
NO--
--BUT SHE ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT IT
SHE TALKED ABOUT THE ENORMOUS WINDOWS, ENDLESS HALLWAYS AND THE HEDGE MAZE IN THE GARDEN.
IT'S TOO BAD. IF SHE WAS ALIVE, I COULD DO SO MUCH FOR HER NOW
YOUR HIGHNESS
I'M STARVING!
WE JUST ATE!
IT'S JUST THAT THE FOOD DIDN'T FILL ME UP MUCH
I'D RATHER EAT FAST FOOD.
IT'S MORE PSYCHOLOGICAL THAN PHYSICAL
MOM WAS REALLY PICKY ABOUT THAT
SHE WANTED ME TO HAVE GOOD MANNERS IN CASE I WAS INVITED BACK TO MARIK.
YOU HAVE IMPECCABLE MANNERS!

IS THAT ALL?
WHAT ABOUT CHANGING YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE KING?
LET'S MAKE A BET
IF I DON'T SOLVE THIS IN THIRTY MINUTES, I'LL GIVE YOU A HUNDRED BUCKS.
HOW ABOUT THIS
IF I WIN, I GET A KISS FROM YOU!
ALL RIGHT?
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
LET'S GO!
WAIT A MINUTE!
A KISS?
IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE
BUT IT'S DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX.
I HEAR NOBODY CAN REACH THE CENTER
IS THAT THE HEDGE MAZE?
PIETRO PROMISED TO SHOW ME, BUT HE NEVER GOT THE CHANCE
NO
HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO SOLVE IT?
THAT'S NO FUN!
RIGHT NOW!?
WELL THEN, LET'S CHECK IT OUT!
I DON'T WANT TO GET LOST INSIDE THE MAZE THIS LATE AT NIGHT.
TOMORROW, THE GARDENER WILL SHOW US THE WAY!
CRACK

WE'LL JUST NEED TO BE SERI-OUS--
--AND FO-CUSED
WE'RE GOING DO THIS THE SIMPLE WAY
WHEN WE TAKE A TURN, WE'LL MAKE A MARK
IF WE ARRIVE AT A DEAD END, WE'LL TURN BACK AND CROSS OUT THE ORIGINAL MARK
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
PUSH
WE MADE IT!
THERE'S A GAZEBO HERE!
IT'S SO PRETTY!
WOW!
TWENTY SIX MINUTES AND THIRTY TWO SEC-ONDS
I WIN!
THUMP
PIETRO ASKED THE GARDENER, BUT JEAN DID IT ON HIS OWN.

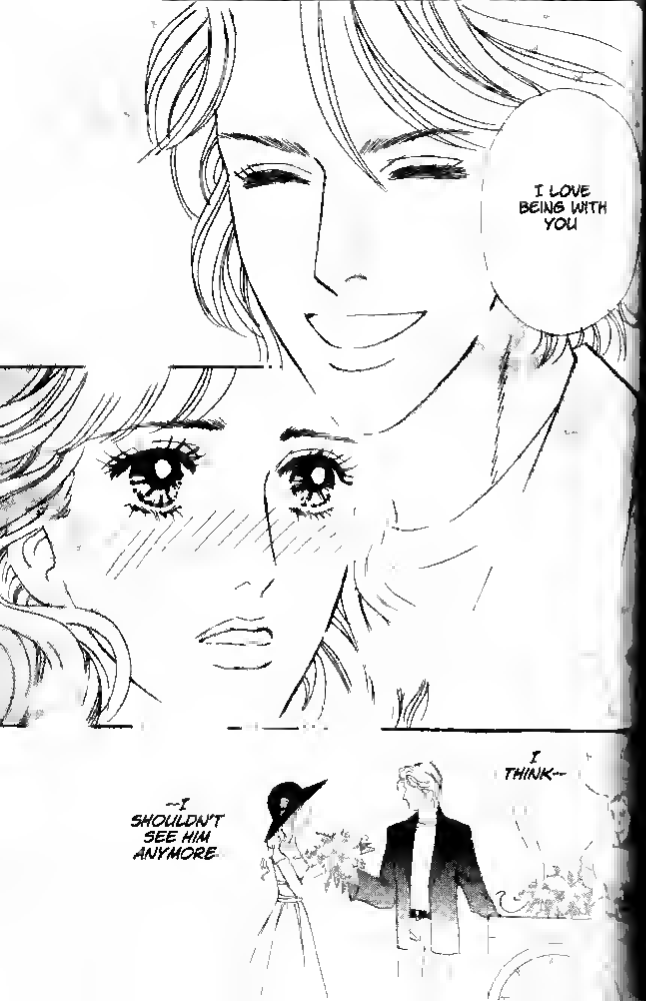
JACK, YOU'RE SO STRANGE
YOU'RE CAREFREE AND ARROGANT, YET--
--SENSITIVE
WHEN I'M AROUND YOU, I FEEL MORE VIBRANT THAN I'VE EVER BEEN IN MY LIFE
IT'S FUN, BUT ALSO--
--SCARY AT THE SAME TIME.
IF YOU WANT TO BACK OUT OF THE BET, YOU CAN.
YOUR HIGHNESS..
CALL ME JACK, CLARISSA.

A SCANDAL LIKE THAT WILL DESTROY ME.
I SHOULD NEVER SEE JACK AGAIN.
UH...
HIS NAME IS JACK BROWN
MISS CLARISSA, YOU HAVE A GUEST
WHO IS IT?
HEY CLARISSA!
NICE PAD!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I DID THAT.
YOU'RE SO SERIOUS ABOUT THIS BECAUSE YOU WANT TO BE QUEEN, AND I'M YOUR LAST CHANCE!
I KISSED THE NEW HEIR TO THE THRONE.
I WAS ENGAGED TO HIS COUSIN.
THAT THOUGHT EVEN CROSSED JACK'S MIND.
OTHER PEOPLE ARE BOUND TO FEEL THE SAME.

MARIK IS CALLED THE JEWEL OF THE PYRENEES IT'S PURIFIED BY THE MOUNTAIN SPRINGS AND FRESH AIR
THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE CITY IS STILL REMINISCENT OF MEDIEVAL TIMES
WE HAVE A FAIR HERE EVERY SUNDAY
WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC CONDITION OF THE COUN-TRY?
I DON'T SEE ANY NEW SHOPS
IT'S NOT VERY GOOD
OUR ECONOMY DEPENDS ON THE WOOL WE PRODUCE IT'S BEEN SLOW
I TOLD YOU TO CALL ME JACK
YEAH, BUT WE KISSED LAST NIGHT...
I CAN'T JUST CALL YOU BY YOUR NAME, IT WOULDN'T BE PROPER
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
THANK YOU FOR COMING, YOUR HIGHNESS.
DID WE MAKE PLANS FOR TODAY?
LET'S GO OUT!
YOU CAN BE MY TOUR GUIDE OF MARIK
WHAT!

I THINK TOURISTS WILL LOVE THIS QUAINT TOWN
IF YOU DEVELOP IT, PEOPLE WILL COME
WE HAVE ONE SKI RESORT, BUT IT'S NOT VERY FANCY
NOTHING THAT COMPARES TO SWITZERLAND
MARIK HAS A CASTLE
DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER, YOU CAN OPEN PART OF THE GARDEN TO THE PUBLIC
THE MAZE WILL BE A NICE ATTRACTION
I NEVER HEARD OF SUCH AN IDEA!?
OF COURSE
YOU CAN DO THAT?
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO CONVINCE YOUR OLD-FASHIONED MINISTERS.

IT'S THIS SOAP HERE
ANVILLE SOAP?
IF THE ECONOMY IMPROVES I CAN MARKET ANVILLE SOAP
THE LOCAL WOMEN MAKE THIS TRADITIONAL SOAP AT HOME TO SELL IT'S A WONDERFUL SKIN CLEANSER
THE ROYAL FAMILY USES THIS SOAP AS WELL.
WHAT ABOUT THE TOURISM INDUSTRY?
MARIK IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SKI RESORTS OR HOT SPRINGS?
IS THAT YOUR JOB?
NO, BUT I'VE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP THE WOMEN WITH MARKETING
COOL.


I LOVE BEING WITH YOU
--I SHOULDN'T SEE HIM ANYMORE
I THINK--

EARLIER TODAY, MY GRANDFATHER ORDERED ME TO ATTEND A LECTURE--
GIGGLE
I TOLD HIM I WAS HERE ON VACATION, BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN HE'S A BULL-HEADED OLD MAN.
--ON THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF MARIK.
GRRR
HM, YOU'RE REALLY STUBBORN YOURSELF.
IT MUST RUN IN THE LE BRUN FAMILY.
YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE OF THIS, BUT IT'S ALSO YOUR STRONG POINT.
'M ALSO VERY OYAL TO THE ROYAL 'AMILY
YOU'RE NAIVE, BUT BRAVE
ARE YOU TRYING TO ANALYZE MY PERSONALITY?
YOU'RE A VERY HONEST AND INTERESTING WOMAN

HEY CLARISSA!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D RUN INTO YOU HERE!
NICOLE!
I HEARD YOU WERE IN AMERICA!
YES, I JUST RETURNED!
YOU WENT TO FIND THE LOST PRINCE, RIGHT? WERE YOU ABLE TO CHARM HIM--
--AND BRING HIM BACK?
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU.
PRINCE JEAN ANTOINE--
--PLEASE ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY FRIEND, NICOLE DE MATHIS.
HE'S THE PRINCE!?
I... AM SO SORRY!
GA-TCHK
NICE TO MEET YOU MADEMOISELLE
I AM HONORED, YOUR HIGHNESS
CHATTER

YOU ARE THE PRINCE OF MARIK
THAT IS YOUR STATUS, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT.
FLASH
SHAA!

I WILL HOLD A GRAND BALL IN A WEEK.
YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

WHY DID YOU INTRODUCE ME SO FORMALLY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I MUST GET GOING.
PLEASE EXCUSE ME!

YOU KNOW THAT I PLAN ON GOING BACK TO MY LIFE IN AMERICA.
I REFUSE TO BE JUST A FIGUREHEAD WITH A ROYAL TITLE!
OH!
WE SHOULD GET GOING

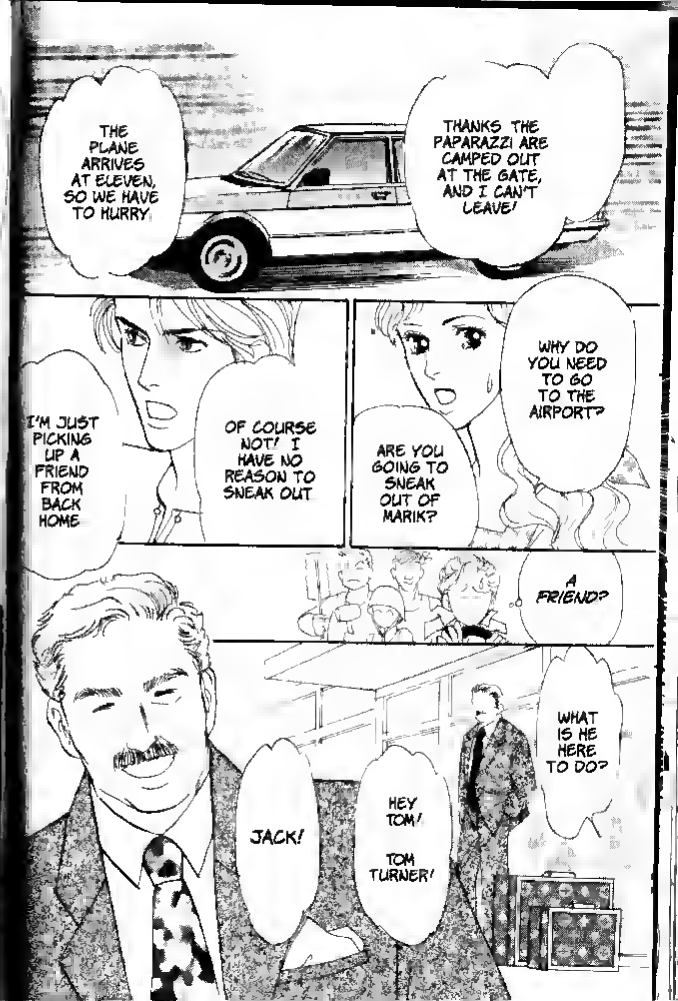
IT IS YOUR DESTINY TO BE KING.
THE BALL WON'T BE FOR ANOTHER WEEK...
DARN!
THUMP
PRINCE
SLAM
I'LL ARRANGE FOR YOUR INSTRUCTION TO START TODAY
IT'LL BE THE DAY BEFORE I LEAVE.
NO WONDER DAD WANTED OUT OF THIS JOINT.
HE HAS NO INTENTION OF LISTENING TO ME.
OH WELL
I'LL BE ON MY BEST BEHAVIOR AND PUT MY BEST FACE FORWARD.
AFTER ALL, HIGH EXPECTATIONS WILL LEAD TO GREAT DISAP-POINTMENT LATER..
Welcome! PRINCE JEAN
I'D RATHER NOT BE HARASSED WITH BAD PUBLICITY.
THUMP
PRINCE
IT'S ONLY PROPER, AS YOUR PRESENCE IS KNOWN TO THE PRESS NOW.
IT'S TO INTRODUCE THE NEW PRINCE TO THE PEOPLE OF MARIK
A BALL?
WHAT FOR?
I DEMAND YOU LEARN HOW TO BEHAVE PROPERLY FOR THE BALL
I WANTED TO DO THIS AFTER YOU WERE DONE WITH YOUR EDUCATION AS PRINCE OF MARIK
I ENJOY BEING A CONSTRUC-TION WORKER I DON'T GET HOUNDED BY THE PAPARAZZI.
I CAN ALSO LEAVE A PARTY WHENEVER I WANT.
IS THIS TO SAVE FACE OR SOME-THING?

UH... YOU CAN'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING THE PRESS WRITES, MOM.
THAT'S TRUE
JOLT
IS IT TRUE THAT HE WAS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER IN THE--
--UNITED STATES, CLARISSA?
GIGGLE GIGGLE
I THINK THE PRINCE WON THE ARGUMENT
I DOUBT THE COOK COULD GET A WORD IN EDGEWISE.
THE PRINCE IS VERY STUBBORN.
REALLY?
CLARISSA, YOU SEEM HAPPIER LATELY.

I'LL MAKE SURE THE KING WILL PAY...!
I WONDER WHO WON
AN ARGUMENT WITH THE CHEF OVER WHETHER FAST FOOD IS AN APPROPRIATE FOOD CHOICE?
IT'S THE LATEST NEWS ON THE PRINCE
WHAT KIND OF AN IDIOTIC ARTICLE IS THAT?
THERE'S SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY
THE COUNTRY'S IN A FRENZY.

I THOUGHT IT WAS CRUEL FOR THEM TO ASK YOU TO ESCORT THE NEW PRINCE BACK TO MARIK.
BUT I THINK THE TRIP HELPED KEEP YOUR MIND OFF THINGS...
THE KING GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE MY LIFE AGAIN.
THAT'S TRUE
I'M NOT GOING TO SAY THAT YOU NEED TO FORGET ABOUT PRINCE PIETRO.
HOWEVER, THAT'S THE PAST
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MOVE ON
THANK YOU, FATHER.
THE RIGHT TO MOVE ON...
IF ONLY IT WAS THAT EASY...
CLAR-ISSA!
I NEED A RIDE TO THE AIRPORT!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE HERE TO SEE, RIGHT?
I HOPE THE MOUNTAINS ARE ALSO AS PRETTY AS YOU DESCRIBED
CLICK
THIS IS MY FRIEND TOM TURNER
THIS IS CLARISSA DUBONET
NICE TO MEET YOU!
JACK MENTIONED YOU'RE A PRETTY GIRL, AND HE'S RIGHT!
THAT'S RIGHT. I ACT QUICKLY, AND I TAKE MY JOB SERIOUSLY
SO, LET'S GO CHECK OUT THE MOUNTAINS
I'M AN INVESTOR
I'M INTERESTED IN BUILDING A SKI RESORT IN MARIK IF THE MOUNTAINS ARE LOVELY AS JACK SAYS THEY ARE
WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT HERE AS A TOURIST?
UHM.
WHY DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE MOUNTAINS?


THE PLANE ARRIVES AT ELEVEN, SO WE HAVE TO HURRY
THANKS THE PAPARAZZI ARE CAMPED OUT AT THE GATE, AND I CAN'T LEAVE!
I'M JUST PICKING UP A FRIEND FROM BACK HOME
OF COURSE NOT! I HAVE NO REASON TO SNEAK OUT
ARE YOU GOING TO SNEAK OUT OF MARIK?
WHY DO YOU NEED TO GO TO THE AIRPORT?
A FRIEND?
JACK!
HEY TOM!
TOM TURNER!
WHAT IS HE HERE TO DO?

DAZED
ボーゼン
YOU CAN BUILD A LIFT FROM OVER THERE TO THE PEAK
FOR ADVANCED SKIERS, WE CAN DROP THEM OFF AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN VIA HELICOPTER
WE NEED A 4-STAR HOTEL WITH A HELIPORT
THE ROOMS SHOULD BE OUTFITTED WITH THE SAME QUALITY LINENS AS THE CASTLE
WE SHOULD CREATE A SMALL CLUSTER OF BED AND BREAKFAST CABINS
THEY CAN BE POWERED BY SOLAR AND ALTERNATIVE POWER SOURCES
HE SEEMS TO LIKE MARIK
IF THIS PLAN WORKS OUT, MONEY WILL COME FLOODING IN AND THE ECONOMY WILL PICK UP.
TOM'S GOT A LOT OF ENERGY.
I WAS JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED, THAT'S ALL.
ARE YOU TIRED?
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO BE A GUIDE WITH SUCH SHORT NOTICE
IT JUST ENDED UP THAT WAY
IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE THE ECONOMY PICK UP STEAM AGAIN, THEN--
--MAYBE I CAN SELL MORE ANVILLE SOAPS.
I SEE
UH...
I BUILT HIS HOUSE
YOU KNOW LOTS OF IMPORTANT PEOPLE!
HOW DID YOU MEET THEM?

THIS IS HIS NAME
I'LL GIVE HIM YOUR CONTACT INFO, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT?
OF COURSE.
THANK YOU, JACK!
EVERY-ONE WILL BE SO HAPPY!
KOFF
ゴホン
UHM.
I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT A HAPPY MOMENT--
--BUT I NEED TO TAKE A BREAK AND EAT SOME-THING.
CLINK
CHEERS!
TO MARIK'S SUCCESS!

RIGHT, THE HAND-MADE SOAPS
IT'S OUR DREAM TO HAVE A SOAP FACTORY.
EVERYONE MAKES IT AT HOME RIGHT NOW, BUT WE CAN MAKE LARGER QUANTI-TIES IF WE HAVE A FACTORY.
THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO WAIT.
WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN NOW.
WE NEED FUNDS.
THAT'S WON-DERFUL!
I KNOW ANOTHER INVESTOR LET ME GIVE YOU A REFERRAL.
REALLY!?
WILL HE JUST BE AN INVES-TOR?
I MEAN, HE WON'T TRY TO OWN THE COMPANY...?
U CAN GOTI-E THE RMS

JACK IS GOING TO FIND AN INVESTOR FOR ME
Neil Smith
HIS NAME IS NEIL SMITH
DO YOU KNOW HIM, MR TURNER?
GOOD NEWS?
ARE YOU GUYS GETTING MARRIED?
OF COURSE NOT!
WE'RE NOT ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED!
NEIL SMITH?
THAT'S JACK'S SECRETARY.
WHY WOULD HE INTRODUCE HIS SECRETARY?
I THOUGHT JACK WAS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER.
WAIT--
--HIS SECRETARY?
WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE YOU SHOULD CALL THE PALACE TO LET THEM KNOW
I'M NOT A CHILD!
YOU MUST BE KIDDING!
GATAN
FINE, IF A PHONE CALL PREVENTS THAT KIND OF MESS-
I'M GLAD.
THE WINE IS DELICIOUS
I LOVE THIS PLACE!
DO YOU WANT THEM TO SEND A SEARCH TEAM?
THE KING MIGHT MOBILIZE THE ARMY TO FIND YOU.
THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.
I'LL ALSO TELL THEM THE GOOD NEWS

"MBA" MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE
JACK WORKED FOR THE COMPANY WHILE HE WAS AT UCLA GETTING HIS BA AND MBA.
HE SLOWLY BOUGHT THEIR STOCK UNTIL HE HAD CONTROLLING SHARES
HE'S A DETERMINED MAN, FOR SURE
I THOUGHT HE BUILT YOUR HOUSE?
HIS COMPANY DID.
WE MET, WE GOT ALONG AND BECAME FRIENDS.
WHY HAS JACK BEEN HIDING THIS--?
WHAT'S WRONG?
DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?
JACK HASN'T BEEN A CONSTRUCTION WORKER IN A LONG TIME
HE'S A CEO!?
HE'S THE CEO. DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
HE'S ONE OF THE OWNERS OF E AND W CONSTRUCTION
HOBBY?
BUT...
I SAW JACK WORKING AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE
THAT'S HIS HOBBY.
HE LOVES TO WORK WITH HIS HANDS HE LIKES TO VISIT CONSTRUCTION SITES--
--AND DO A LITTLE CARPENTERY TO BLOW OFF STEAM.
HE ALSO HELPED CONSTRUCT THE FIREPLACE AT MY HOUSE
hobby
offtime

CLARISSA
MR. TURNER TOLD ME
...THAT YOU'RE THE CEO OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
I THINK YOU'RE HIDING THAT FACT FOR A REASON
YOU WANT THEM TO PUT YOU DOWN
MAKE THIS LOOK LIKE A LOWLY WORKER ABDICATED THE THRONE TO BRING EMBARRASSMENT TO MARIK!
YOU'RE TRYING TO GET REVENGE!
I DON'T THINK I'M DOING ANY THING WRONG
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET A SHARP WOMAN LIKE YOU MEET TOM
AFTER ALL, IF THE KING REALLY WANTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ME, HE COULD HAVE EASILY FOUND OUT
TOMORROW, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A BETTER LOOK AT THE REGION.
THANK YOU FOR BEING MY TOUR GUIDE.
I'LL HAVE ONE OF THE MINISTERS SET YOU UP WITH A TOUR GUIDE
GRAND HOTEL
CLICK
IT'S REALLY LATE
YOU MUST BE TIRED
JACK, I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
VROOM
DO YOU REALLY HATE THE KING?

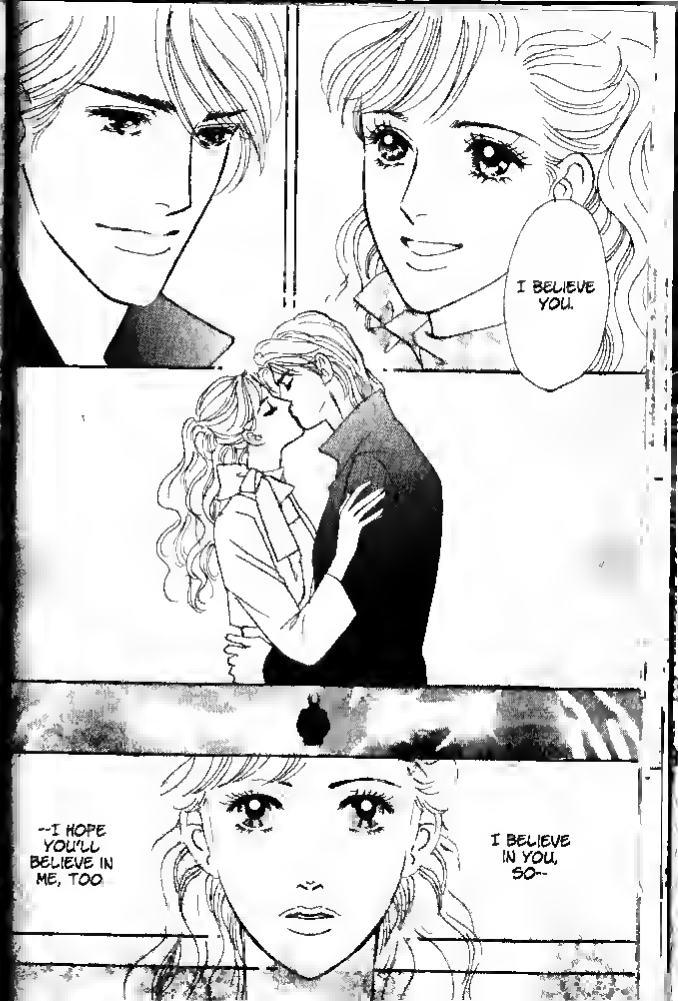
IT WAS WHEN MY MOTHER WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER.
THE TREATMENT COST A LOT OF MONEY
MY EARNINGS FROM MY JOB AND HER SAVINGS WEREN'T ENOUGH. I WAS AT THE END OF MY ROPE WHEN I WROTE MY GRANDFATHER.
I WROTE "MY MOTHER IS ILL AND WE NEED ASSISTANCE WITH HOSPITAL BILLS."
ONE WEEK LATER, I RECEIVED A REPLY.
IN THE ENVELOPE WAS MY LETTER, UNOPENED.
JACK--

MY GRANDFATHER HAS NOTHING BUT CONTEMPT FOR ME.
HE FIGURES THAT DESPITE ALL THAT HE DIDN'T DO, I WOULD GROVEL AT THE CHANCE FOR THE THRONE.
HE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF HIMSELF, NOT ME.
THE KING--
--ISN'T AN ORDINARY PERSON, JACK.
YOU HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT.
HE'S ALSO THE ONLY FAMILY YOU HAVE LEFT.
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION TO MAKE PEACE?
I SAID ONCE THAT--
--HE NEVER EVEN WROTE TO ME.
ACTUALLY, WE DID EXCHANGE LETTERS ONCE.
REALLY?
WHEN?
HAT AS IT OUT?

JACK
I'D LIKE TO TAKE A WALK
DO YOU MIND IF YOU DROP ME OFF HERE?
NO!
I JUST WANT TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF MARIK.
THOSE ARE SEPARATE MATTERS
I HAV A QUE TION
ABOUT THE RESORT AND THE FACTORY IS THAT RELATED TO YOUR "RE-VENGE?"

I WILL NEVER FORGET ABOUT THAT
MY MOTHER WAS TERMI-NALLY ILL NOTHING IN THE WORLD COULD HAVE SAVED HER
BUT IF I'D HAD MORE MONEY, I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE HER SUFFERING DURING HER LAST MONTHS OF LIFE!
HEH
IF THE KING HAD READ THE LETTER, I'M SURE
WHO KNOWS
THE FACT IS THAT HE DIDN'T READ THE LETTER
I CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST
I CAN NEVER FORGIVE HIM FOR HIS COLDNESS

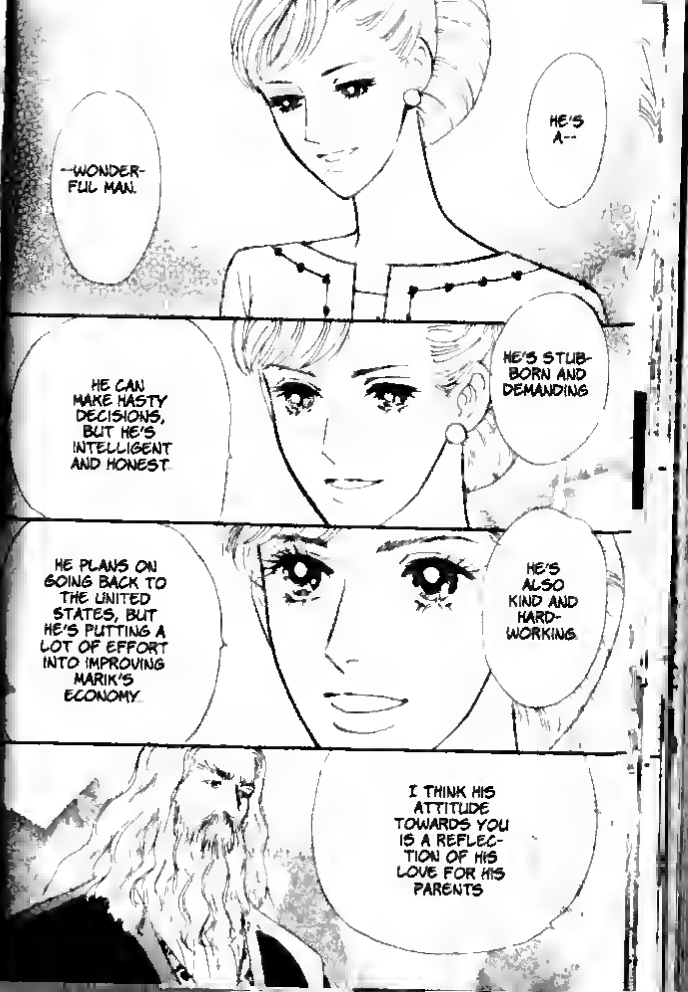
CLARISSA, THANK YOU FOR COMING.
YOU SAID YOU NEEDED TO SPEAK TO ME?
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE MY GRAND-DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.
PLEASE SPEAK FREELY.
THANK YOU.
YOUR MAJESTY, THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY DAY.
I KNOW IT MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE, BUT I WANTED TO DISCUSS SEVERAL THINGS WITH YOU


I BELIEVE YOU.
--I HOPE YOU'LL BELIEVE IN ME, TOO.
I BELIEVE IN YOU, SO--

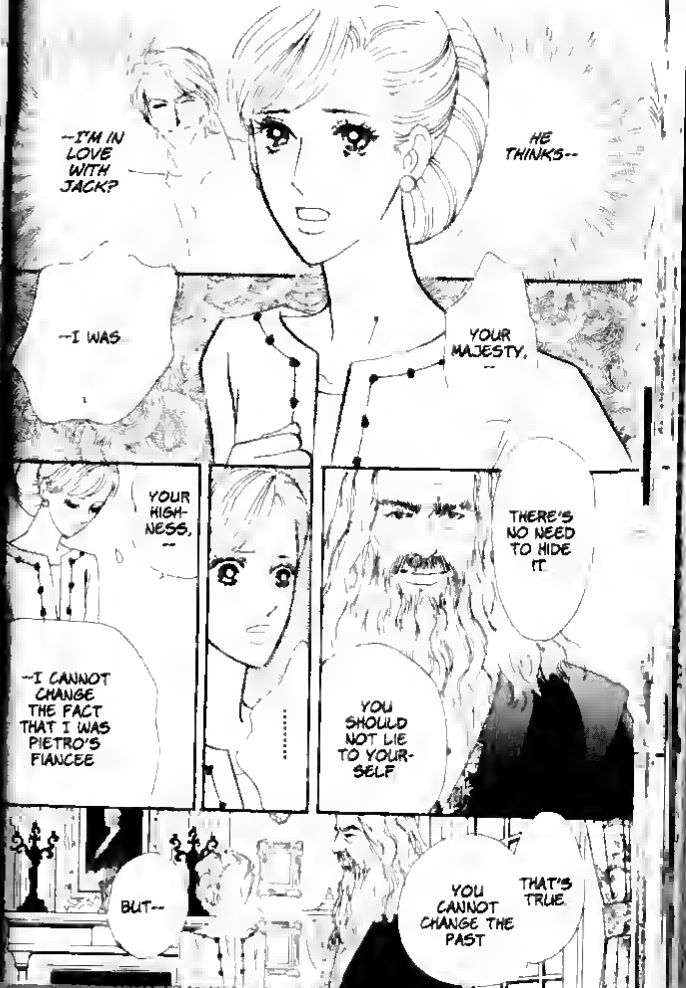
I THOUGHT HE WOULD ENJOY THE ROYAL LIFESTYLE AND BUILD SOME INTEREST IN BECOMING A MONARCH
I THOUGHT IF HE SPENT TIME HERE, HE MIGHT CHANGE HIS MIND
MY EXPECTATIONS OF JEAN WERE UNFAIR.
IF I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DASHING HIS HOPES AND DREAMS, HOW COULD HE ACCEPT MINE?
I THINK YOU NEED TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO REACH OUT TO HIM.
PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP.
JEAN IS HERE TO SEE YOU
YOUR MAJESTY

I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT PRINCE JEAN ANTOINE
WHAT HAPPENED IS REGRETTABLE.
MY IGNORANCE IS NOT AN EXCUSE
--ALTHOUGH I CHOSE TO IGNORE IT
I THOUGHT HE WOULD--
I'M SURE HE'LL RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

HE'S LOOKING--
--FOR LOVE, TRUST--
--AND DEVOTION.
HE'S VERY SINCERE
YOU LOVE HIM, DON'T YOU?


--WONDERFUL MAN.
HE'S A--
HE'S STUBBORN AND DEMANDING
HE CAN MAKE HASTY DECISIONS, BUT HE'S INTELLIGENT AND HONEST.
HE'S ALSO KIND AND HARD-WORKING.
HE PLANS ON GOING BACK TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT HE'S PUTTING A LOT OF EFFORT INTO IMPROVING MARIK'S ECONOMY.
I THINK HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOU IS A REFLECTION OF HIS LOVE FOR HIS PARENTS

--YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE, YOU KNOW
DON'T YOU AGREE, CLARISSA?
THE FUTURE..
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IF YOU'RE HONEST WITH YOURSELF, THE RIGHT PATH WILL APPEAR
THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH
YOUR MAJESTY...?
YOU'RE BOTH YOUNG
THERE'S NO NEED TO MAKE MAJOR DECISIONS JUST YET


--I'M IN LOVE WITH JACK?
HE THINKS--
--I WAS
YOUR MAJESTY, --
YOUR HIGHNESS, --
--I CANNOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT I WAS PIETRO'S FIANCEE
THERE'S NO NEED TO HIDE IT
YOU SHOULD NOT LIE TO YOURSELF
BUT--
YOU CANNOT CHANGE THE PAST
THAT'S TRUE

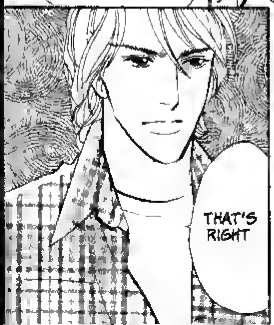
WHY DID MY FATHER,--
--MY UNCLE AND MY COUSIN CHOOSE DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES?
I WONDER IF THEY THOUGHT ABOUT THEIR DEATH AND LEAVING PEOPLE BEHIND..
WHY DID THEY CHOOSE TO SEEK OUT DANGEROUS SITUATIONS?
SAFETY IS THE BIGGEST CONCERN WITH MOTORCYCLES, BOATS AND CARS.
IF MY FATHER WAS MORE CAREFUL, MY MOTHER WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFERED NEARLY AS MUCH

THE LAKE?
I SUPPOSE THAT COULD EXPAND THE TOURIST SEASON INTO SUMMER
I'M NOT TERESTED IN YTHING THAT ILL DAMAGE HE ENVIRON- MENT, ALL RIGHT?
I'M ALMOST DONE.
RUNNING A COUN- TRY IS JUST A LARGE PROJECT.
LARGE ROJECT EMANDS MORE SPONSI- ILITIES.
THE JOB OF A KING IS PRETTY SIMPLE.
IT'S ABOUT GETTING THE RIGHT PERSON WORKING ON THE RIGHT JOB. IT'S SIMILAR TO RUNNING A COMPANY.

YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER YOUR FATHER, BUT--
--YOU RESEMBLE HIM.
YOUR PERSONALITIES ARE DIFFERENT.
YES, HE WAS AN EXTREMELY CHARMING AND CHARISMATIC INDIVIDUAL
HE WAS MY FAVORITE SON.
MY MOTHER USED TO TELL ME THE SAME
SHE SAID DAD WAS A LOT MORE OUTGOING AND SOCIAL
THE SUN
PRINCE ROBERT INVOLVED IN A BRAWL AT A NIGHTCLUB
HE WAS SOMEWHAT RASH AND RECKLESS
HE LEFT MARIK TO GET AWAY FROM THE SCANDALS HE CAUSED HERE
Prince Robert Gambling Debt
I HAD NO IDEA.

JEAN ANTOINE
NO NEED TO BOW.
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.
THAT'S ROBERT..
YES, THIS WAS ROBERT'S ROOM.
I HAVE NOT BEEN IN HERE SINCE THE DAY HE LEFT.
YES
DID YOU SEAL IT OFF?
IT WAS TOO PAINFUL.

GOLD-DIGGER?
IF I BELIEVED IN HIM, HE MAY HAVE RETURNED TO MARIK.
YES.
IF I HAD BELIEVED ROBERT, I MAY HAVE MET YOUR MOTHER AND LEARNED THAT SHE WAS NOT A GOLD-DIGGER.
IT WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING. THIRTY YEARS AGO, SHOWGIRLS HAD A BAD REPUTATION IN MARIK.


THAT'S RIGHT

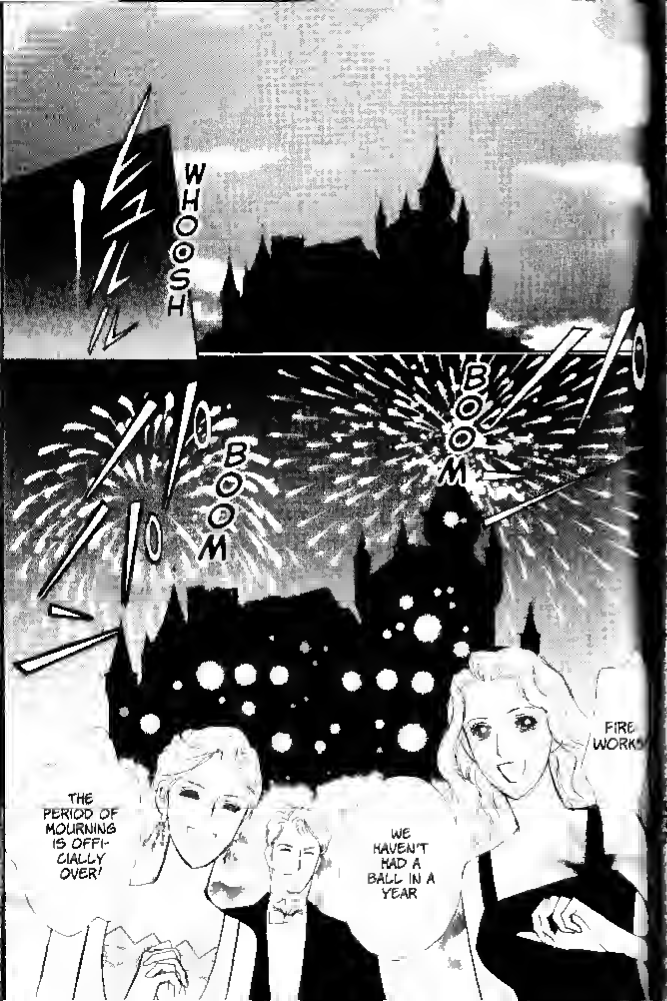
I CANNOT CHANGE THE PAST
I ADMIT THAT I DID NOT HELP YOU AND YOUR MOTHER LIKE I SHOULD HAVE

I THOUGHT THAT WOULD SHOCK SOME RESPONSI-BILITY INTO HIM.
I THREAT-ENED TO CUT HIM OFF FINAN-CIALLY AND DISOWN HIM.
UNFORTU-NATELY, ROBERT NEVER RETURNED

WITH AGE--
--A PERSON SEES THEIR PAST MIS-TAKES MORE CLEARLY
THAT'S RIGHT
MY MOTHER AND I WERE THE ONES THAT SUFFERED AS A RESULT
MY MISTAKE WAS THE FACT THAT I DID NOT BELIEVE MY SON

IT'S THE MEDAL WORN BY THE HEIR TO THE THRONE
I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO WEAR IT AT THE BALL
WHAT IS IT?
THIS IS FOR YOU.
EVEN IF YOU RETURN HOME, THE THRONE WILL BE YOURS AUTOMATICALLY WHEN I DIE
THE MINISTERS WILL APPOINT SOMEONE.
WHAT IF I REFUSE?

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS, JEAN ANTOINE
THERE'S STILL TIME
EVEN FOR AN OLD MAN LIKE ME
THERE'S NO NEED TO ANSWER ME NOW
I


WHOOSH
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
THE PERIOD OF MOURNING IS OFFICIALLY OVER!
WE HAVEN'T HAD A BALL IN A YEAR
FIRE WORKS!

--BUT IT'S UP TO YOU.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO THROW AWAY THE FUTURE BASED ON MY WRONGFUL ACTIONS--
IT'S YOUR CHOICE.
CLICK
THE PAST CAN'T BE CHANGED,--
--BUT THE FUTURE CAN.
WOULD REFUSING THE CROWN MEAN THROWING AWAY MY FUTURE?

THE MAIN ATTRACTION IS HERE!
T-THUMP
JACK!

MS. CLARISSA!
THERE'S SOMEONE I KNOW AT LAST!
MR TURNER!
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE! I'VE NEVER BEEN TO SUCH A BIG PARTY!
EVERYONE IS HERE TO MEET JACK
I WONDER HOW HE'S DOING?
IS HE GETTING ALONG BETTER WITH THE KING?

CLAR-ISSA
YOU LOOK LIKE A BORN AND RAISED PRINCE!
YOU LOOK GREAT, JACK!
TA-THUMP
YOU ACTUALLY WANNA SAY I LOOK LIKE A REGULAR JOE, RIGHT?
MAY I ASK YOU FOR A DANCE?

HE LOOKS SO ELEGANT!
TOM! CLARISSA!
THANKS FOR COMING!

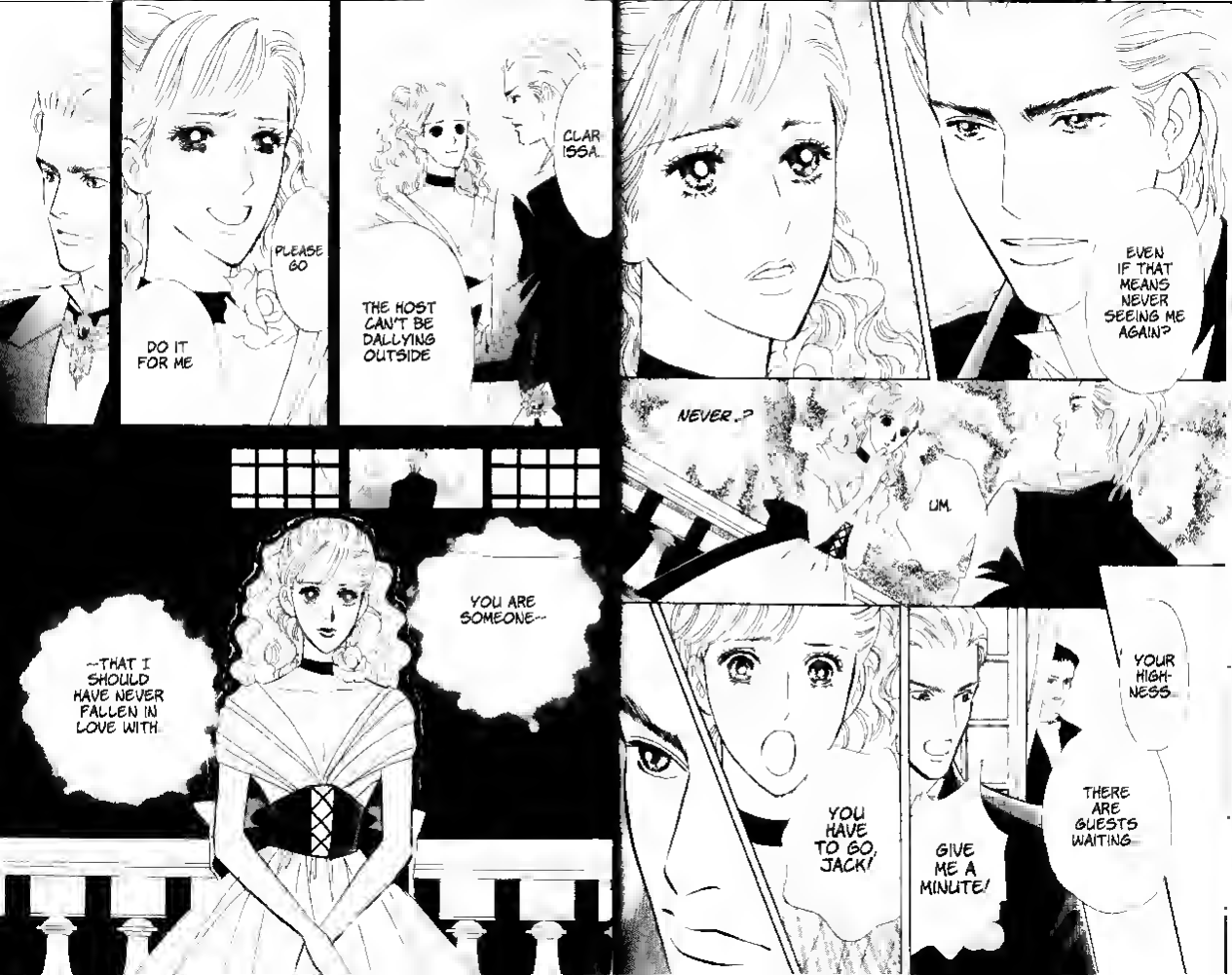
YOU'RE DOING GREAT.
I CAN ONLY DANCE TO THIS SONG, THOUGH.
NO, THIS IS THE HARD-EARNED RESULT OF MY LESSON LAST NIGHT
CLAR-ISSA--
--I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU.
YOU GAVE EXTRA INFORMATION TO THE KING, DIDN'T YOU?
UM...
I MEANT WELL...
WHY?
THANKS TO YOU, WE WERE ABLE TO TALK
IT SEEMS LIKE THE OLD MAN HAD SUF-FERED FROM OUR SEPA-RATION AS WELL
I THINK WE CAN LEARN TO GET ALONG
OH, JACK!
DID YOU LEARN HOW TO DANCE FROM YOUR MOTHER?

TURN
SWEEP
FLING
J, JAC
CLAR-ISSA.
IT'S RUDE TO THE KING AND YOUR GUESTS
YOU HAVE TO
I DON'T WANT TO.
WE HAVE TO STAY INSIDE!

THAT'S GREAT NEWS
ARE YOU GOING TO ACCEPT THE THRONE?
THAT'S A SEPA-RATE MATTER.
I'LL BE RETURNING HOME
THAT'S TOO BAD
THEN TO-NIGHT--
--WILL BE OUR LAST NIGHT TOGETHER.

OH JACK...
JACK AND I--
--IN AMERICA?
NOBODY WILL CARE IN LOS ANGELES.
THE PEOPLE OF MARIK WILL CARE
--ABANDON MY OWN COUNTRY
WHY?
I USED TO BE ENGAGED TO YOUR COUSIN, REMEMBER?
YOU KNOW WHAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SAY!
I CAN'T--
JOLT
I CAN'T
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE

COME TO AMERICA WITH ME
I DON'T WANT TO BE APART FROM YOU
I'VE NEVER FELT THIS WAY BEFORE


PLEASE GO
DO IT FOR ME
CLARISSA
THE HOST CAN'T BE DALLYING OUTSIDE
EVEN IF THAT MEANS NEVER SEEING ME AGAIN?
NEVER..?
UM.
YOU ARE SOMEONE--
--THAT I SHOULD HAVE NEVER FALLEN IN LOVE WITH.
YOU HAVE TO GO, JACK!
GIVE ME A MINUTE!
YOUR HIGH-NESS
THERE ARE GUESTS WAITING

GOODBYE....
JACK!
TOM.
...AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE SCOUTING SOME REMOTE LOCATION?
I HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO SEE YOU OFF
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF LUGGAGE.
ARE YOU MOVING?
IT'S FROM MY GRANDFATHER.
I TOLD HIM IT'S NOT NECESSARY, BUT...
GRANDPARENTS ARE LIKE THAT.
BUT
I DON'T HAVE THE ONE THING I NEED THE MOST
WHAT IS IT?
CLARISSA.
SHE'S RIGHT THERE.

I LOVE YOU!
CLAR-ISSA!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
CLAR-ISSA!
I...
AMERICA
IF THE OFFER'S STILL OPEN...

COME BACK TO MARIK?
I WAS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS BACK HOME, THEN COME BACK TO MARIK TO PROPOSE TO YOU.
I DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE THRONE WHEN MY TIME COMES.
I WAS PLANNING TO KEEP PROPOSING UNTIL YOU SAID YES.
I WASN'T FORCED INTO THIS POSITION BY MY GRANDFATHER. IT'S MY OWN DECISION.
I WANT TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE.
I THOUGHT IT OVER.
BUT YOU SAID

I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH, TOO.
WILL YOU MARRY ME, CLARISSA?
--OF COURSE I WILL!
JACK--
EVEN IF THAT MEANS--
--LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES FOREVER?
YES, YES!
CLARISSA.
ME TOO
AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU, THAT'S ALL I NEED
I KNOW THAT NOW

THAT'S NOT TRUE
CLAR-ISSA--
--I'M AWARE THAT IT'S A SITUATION THAT CAN SET TONGUES WAGGING
PEOPLE THAT KNOW YOU WILL KNOW THAT'S NOT THE CASE
WE CAN PROVE THEM WRONG
IF WE'RE HAPPY, THE RUMORS WILL FADE AWAY
OR, IS IT BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO BUILD A LIFE TOGETHER?
--THAT'S NOT TRUE, JACK!
NO,--

IT'S A BIG PROJECT!
I THINK IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO MANAGE A COUNTRY, AND MARIK IS WORTH MANAGING WELL
IT'S BEAUTIFUL AND FULL OF CHARM, JUST LIKE YOU
OH JACK...
I CAN'T DO THAT
WILL YOU SUPPORT ME AS MY QUEEN?
WHY!?
REMEMBER? I WAS ENGAGED TO YOUR COUSIN!
THE PEOPLE OF MARIK WON'T FORGET THAT!
THEY'LL THINK I'M A GOLD-DIGGER!

WE'LL BUILD A LIFE--
--OF HAPPINESS TOGETHER!

I'LL BE YOUR QUEEN, NOW AND FOREVER!

HARLEQUIN

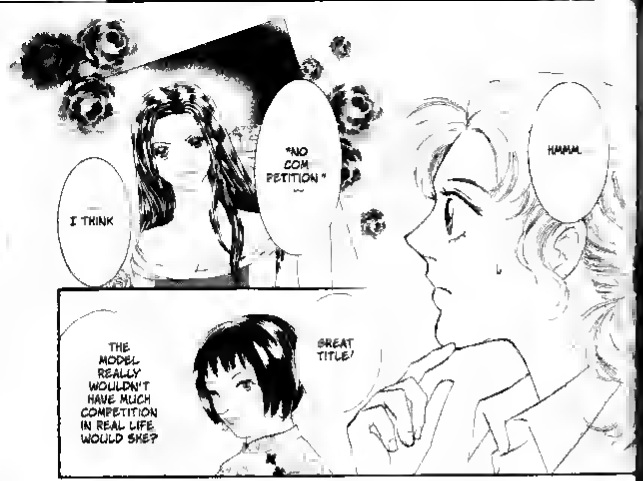
Now here's a SNEAK PEEK at...

After years of living in her beautiful sister's shadow and losing countless boyfriends to her, Carrie Lackett cannot believe that hunky Shane Reynolds could really fall for her!

AVAILABLE THIS MONTH AT LEADING RETAILERS!

GET IT NOW!

THE PAINTING S FINISHED!
NO WE'RE DONE!
I'VE GROWN UP HEARING COMMENTS LIKE THAT.
EVER SINCE I CAN REMEMBER
--DECIDED TO USE HER AS MY MODEL.
HOWEVER AS AN ARTIST I
I M TIRED!
CARRIE ARE YOU STILL PAINTING?


I THINK
"NO COM PETITION" --
HMMM
THE MODEL REALLY WOULDN'T HAVE MUCH COMPETITION IN REAL LIFE, WOULD SHE?
GREAT TITLE!

NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE --
-- THAT THE MODEL IS MY SISTER

IS THIS SOMEONE I KNOW?
SHE'S GORGEOUS BUT I SEE A GLINT OF THE DEVIL IN HER EYES
UH, I DON'T THINK SO

YOU SHOULDN'T DOUBT MY TASTE IT'S WHY I'M THE OWNER OF THE FINEST GALLERY IN SAN FRANCISCO
THIS IS A MASTERPIECE! WHAT IS THE TITLE?

DON'T EXAGGERATE, ELIZABETH
FLATTERY ISN'T GOING TO GET YOU ANYTHING MORE FROM ME!
DAUPE GALLERY
CARRIE, THAT'S A GORGEOUS PAINTING!
YOU ARE THE PRIDE AND JOY OF DAUPE GALLERY!

WE HAVE A PARTY ON FRIDAY.
HEY SHANE...

I DON'T WANT SHANE REYNOLDS--
--TO BUY MY PAINTING!

MY HEART WON'T STOP POUNDING
I ONLY ASK FOR ONE THING...

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER FELT LIKE THIS

--WITH CAMILLE, LIKE ALL THE OTHERS.
I DON'T WANT HIM TO FALL IN LOVE--

HE'S A FAMOUS ARCHITECT! HE TRIED TO BUY YOUR PAINTING ONCE.
SHANE REYNOLDS IS HERE.

THAT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA!
PLEASE!
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO HIM! HE'S SINGLE!

JOE'S TALKING TO HIM IN THE BACK GALLERY

CARRIE WAIT!
I LOOK HORRIBLE TODAY EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO GO!

SAN FRANCISCO IS FULL OF ELIGIBLE SINGLE MEN! YOU ARE QUITE A FETCHING YOUNG WOMAN YOU KNOW!
YOU NEED TO GET OUT MORE!

THANK YOU CAMILLE
THE SUBJECT OF THE PAINTING DETERMINES ITS WORTH
NO IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A BRILLIANT ARTIST!
I'M PROUD TO HAVE A TALENTED TWIN SISTER LIKE YOU
I JUST CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT
DID YOU ALREADY TAKE THE PAINTING TO THE GALLERY?
SO?
I'M SURE IT WILL FIND A BUYER SOON
I KNOW IT!
I WAS WONDERING IF I COULD BORROW MONEY
YOU'RE SO TALENTED!
THAT RECENT PAINTING OF THE OCEAN—
—FOUND A BUYER RIGHT AWAY RIGHT?
I HAVE A DATE WITH BOB, AND I NEED A NEW PAIR OF SHOES.
THANK YOU SOOO MUCH!
CAMILLE YOU WANT TO ASK ME FOR A FAVOR I CAN TELL.
AFTER ALL, THE MODEL WAS PRETTY
IT WILL

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Laura Golightly expected her trip to Europe would be pretty dull. After all, helping out an elderly writer on a publicity tour isn't exactly a thrill a minute. On the other hand, trying to stop a cat burglar may be *too* exciting. Especially if it's her heart he's trying to steal!

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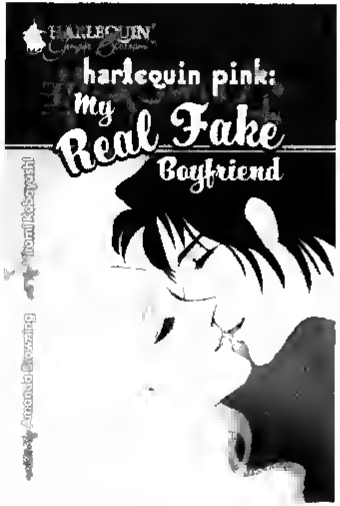

Love letters from long ago have been stolen and Rachel must save her grandmother from embarrassment The plan is simple—Rachel just has to pretend to dote Nathan, a guy she's had a crush on for years Like *that's* going to be hard!

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